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Nearly 5,000 women put their best foot forward on Sunday to took part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Northampton.

Organisers estimate that £280,000 was raised during the annual women's event, at Abington Park, which included a 10k race in the morning and a 5k course in the after-

Cancer Research UK area events manager, Simon Burley, said: "The event went really well and we had a great turnout, with more people entering the 10k race than previous years. It was been a great atmosphere as well.

"I'd like to say a massive thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their Sunday to make sure everything went smoothly."

Presenters from Heart radio, sponsors of the event, kept the fun and enthusiasm

going throughout the day, leading everyone in a Cancer Slam dance warm-up before the races.

Individuals, families, friends and groups from Northampton came together to support the cancer charity and to remember lost loved ones and colleagues, whether by running, jugging, walking or pushing prams.

Jane Atkinson, aged 57, ran the 10k course for the first time in memory of her son, Tom Van Haaren, who died of cancer aged only 23.

She finished in just over an hour and said: "I was sponsored by family, friends and colleagues and my run raised £1,260. It was a fantastic day, supported by so many people."

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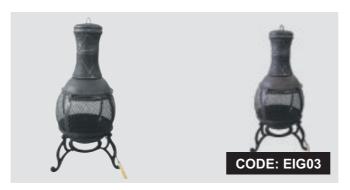
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Stalls for Northampton Carnival will again be at Far Cotton, despite assurances that they could use the preferred Delapre Park site

Carnival organisers' anger over late change of route

Organisers of Northampton's colourful carnival believe they are being unfairly treated by the borough council after being told they could not stage the main event at Delapre Park again.

The Northampton Carnival Arts Consortium which runs the event, were only informed last Thursday that they could not start and end the 1,000strong parade at the park due to water drainage problems.

The message from a borough council officer came on the day hundreds of traders were setting up for Northampton Beer Festival on the

Instead, the floats will have to depart from Delapre Park and end at Far Cotton Recreation Ground, which the organising committee says is too small, too open and is difficult to police.

They have already distrib $uted\,posters\,stating\,the\,event$ will be at Delapre and drawn out security arrangements for the site. The committee now has to inform hundreds of stallholders that the venue has moved.

Vice chairman Mark Dean said: "People are feeling disheartened. They feel the carnival is being picked on in the light of other events that seem to take place down there with no problems.We just want to know why.'

In 2012 the borough council moved the carnival date due to fears over rainy weather in June. When it was eventually held in August it was a wash-

Last year organisers were

told six weeks prior to the carnival they would have to relocate to Far Cotton, again due to fears over the weather. They had already printed flyers saying it would be at Delapre.

Chairman of the committee, Morcea Walker MBE, said regular disruptions had caused a backlash among the event's traders and said many of the stallholders wanted their pitch money back in 2013 because they missed out on trade at Far Cotton.

In a further blow for the carnival the route of the procession has had to be changed to account for traffic around the new North Gate bus sta-

The floats will not be able to travel along the length of Abington Street and will have to make a tight right turn along Fish Street.

Mrs Walker, awarded an MBE in 2012 for resurrecting the carnival six years previously, said: "With the size of the traps that are parading, it is all going to back up."

The commitee's cause has been taken up by Northampton's Labour group.

Parliamentary candidate for Northampton North Sally Keeble has launched a petition to allow the parade to stay at

A Northampton Borough Council spokesman said the committee was warned that any use of the park was weather dependent.

He said: "Unfortunately vehicle movement on wet or soggy ground will cause damage to the park as we saw at the beer festival last week and more bad weather is predicted."

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Killer's bid to reduce

A murderer who was found guilty of stabbing a Northampton family to death has had his appeal against a minimum 40-year sentence dismissed.

Anxiang Du, 54, fatally stabbed university professor Jifeng 'Jeff' Ding, his wife Ge 'Helen' Chui and their daughters Xing 'Nancy', 18, and 12-year-old Alice, at their home in Wootton on April 29, 2011, the day of the Royal wedding.

Du was sentenced to at least 40 years in prison in November last year.

Yesterday, Sir Brian Leveson, sitting with Mrs Justice Patterson and Sir Richard Henriques dismissed Du's second call for leniency. Sir Brian said: "The [trial]

Sir Brian said: "The [trial] judge concluded...that there were number of aggravating features, in the significance of planning and premeditation, and the murder of the two children, who were particularly vulnerable because of their ages, especially in relation to Alice, then 12, together with all the circumstances on the murder as acts of revenge and the savage ex-



Anxiang Du killed the Ding family (pictured far right) at their home in Wootton on April 29, 2011

ecution of an entire family. In our judgment, it is simply unarguable that the assessment of 40 years [imprisonment] is either wrong in principle or manifestly excessive.

"This application is refused," Sir Brian concluded.

Neither Du nor any counsel attended the brief 'non-party' hearing. Renewed permission to appeal his sentence was refused today.

At Du's trial at Northampton Crown Court, Mr Justice

Flaux said the killings were "a campaign of revenge" and "the savage execution of an entire family of innocent people".

Dispute ends in tragedy

At his trial, the court heard Du and former friends the Ding family had run a Chinese herbal remedy shop in Birmingham, but the failure of their partnership led to a decade of litigation between the families. Du realised his attempt to win damages from the Dings was doomed, so left a farewell note to his wife, on April 29, 2011. He boarded a train to Northampton with a kitchen knife, arriving at the Dings' home demanding cash hours later. Du later told psychiatrists he lost his temper when Mr Ding "laughed at [him] and called him] stupid and a fool." The killer fled to North Africa, hiding out in a half-built block of flats, until a local man recognised him.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.' personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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Northampton Borough Coun $cil\,has\,received\,an\,application$ from The Restaurant Group PLC - which operates more than 400 restaurants in the UK - to build a Chiquito and a Coast 2 Coast restaurant.

If approved, the plans could create 60 new jobs and

would bring back to use the site that has remained derelict since fire destroyed the Red Hot building on December 18.

Chiquito is the UK's largest Tex-Mex restaurant chain, with more than 70 sites and 100,000 customers each week. Coast 2 Coast is an American-themed restaurant and bar with its name based on the Lincoln Highway that spans the United States.

Both restaurants would include an outdoor terrace area and would be open between 9am and 11pm.

The report concludes the occupation of the site by new $restaurant\, operators\, would\, be$ "acceptable" as it would bring the site back into use.

A decision on the plans will be made in July. A spokesman $for The \, Restaurant \, Group \, PLC$ said the company was "delighted" to announce plans to open up the first Chiquito and Coast 2 Coast restaurants in the town. The spokesman said the jobs would be filled by local people.











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World Cup drive to stop drinkers

Northamptonshire Police has launched a campaign against drink-driving, with operations planned to coincide with key World Cup fixtures this month.

The month-long operation, which is also targeting motorists driving while under the influence of drugs, started last

Pc Dave Lee, roads policing officer, said, despite the win $ter\,and\,summer\,\bar{d}rink\,driving$

campaigns, the number of motorists being caught over the legal alcohol limit has not decreased.

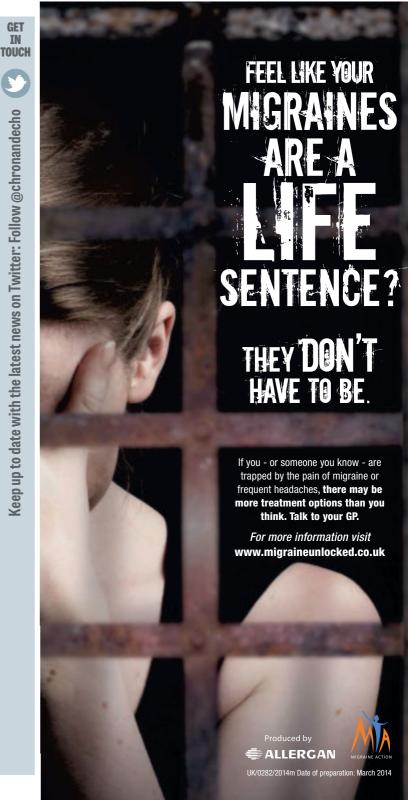
He said: "Surprisingly, a lot of people still get caught drink-driving. I think there is going to be an increase in people drink-driving this month, especially if England do well in the World Cup.

"But what I would say is the implications for people who get caught drink driving are

"If you give a reading over the legal limit, you will lose your licence and will get a criminal record."

A similar campaign held in Northamptonshire in June last year saw more than 2,500 people breathalysed and 103 arrested for being over the limit. In 2012, a total of 145 people were arrested during the campaign.

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Tributes for boxing historian Sid Green

Tributes have been paid to a boxing historian from Northampton who has died aged 92.

Sid Green, of Delapre, had a passion for amateur boxing and helped compile records of town boxers after he moved to Northampton shortly after the Second World War.

Mr Green's son, Dennism said his father developed an interest in boxing from a young age after he started listening to high-profile bouts on the radio in the 1920s and 1930s.

After serving as an engineer for the RAF during the war, Mr Green moved to Northampton and worked as a fireman and then at the power station near Midsummer Meadow.

Mr Green also had a keen $interest\,in\,the\,Titanic\,and\,was$ a member of the Far Cotton Historical Society.

Hi son Dennis said: "He was well-liked by a lot of people and always had a kind word



Tributes have been paid to Sid Green, who died aged 92

for everyone. He had a great knowledge of the Northamptonshire boxing circuit and enjoyed meeting the former

Mr Green said his father struck up a friendship with former boxer Jeff Tite and ended up writing a book about his career. Mr Green died on

He compiled history of town boxers

■ Sid Green has appeared on the pages of the Northampton Chronicle & Echo on a regular basis as a commentator on the local boxing

In 1989, the Chron featured a story about Mr Green and his friend Sid Fitzhugh giving away profits from a booklet they published on the town's boxing history to fund a show at Princess Marina. The pair traced boxing in the town back to 1837, the birthday of former heavyweight world champion Joe

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Father of Luis thanks town for support

The family of the boy who was selected to be the Northampton Saints mascot during the final at Twickenham last weekend has thanked the town for its support.

Devoted Saints fan, Luis Ghaut, from Northampton was selected to be the team's mascot after he was last year diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer, which stopped him playing rugby for his own team, Northampton Old Scouts RFC.

'Luis did the lap of honour with Saints players after they won'

After his diagnosis, Luis' family founded the charity Lu15 which soon caught the attention of his heroes, the Northampton Saints themselves.

Luis' father, Lee Ghaut, said: "The Saints' victory at Leicester helped him make a quick recovery from his latest treatment and he told me that their win last Saturday was the best thing that had happened to him since he started getting his treatment.

"The day couldn't have gone better; it was on early start as Luis had been invited on a tour around the stadium while it was still empty.

"We then had a picnic with family friends and, after the game, Luis did the lap of honour with the team, who wore Luist-shirts, and met them all in the changing rooms

"Last Sunday he was also invited to ride on the opentop bus through Northampton with the team and so many people who recognised him from his coverage lately stopped to say hello and wish him well.

"The Saints win and all the support and recognition we got from people we had never even met, and who weren't necessarily rugby fans, has all been very emotional and it just goes to show what a fantastic town Northampton is.

"We'd really like to thank everyone who has shown their support for Luis."



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Care home to ease burden

A second care home at the edge of the Northampton General Hospital site is providing a way of increasing beds for recovering patients without using NHS money.

Spencer House Care Home is being built by Avery Healthcare next door to the company's flagship home Cliftonville Care Centre and will open in October 2014.

Offering residential, nursing and dementia care, it will have 68 beds over three floors, with four suites, a high-end rehabilitation gym, a cinema,

landscaped gardens, restaurant standard dining.

Like the 106-bed Cliftonville Care Centre, Spencer House is as close to NGH as can be, being pressed up against the eastern edge of the site.

And Avery said it will be working closely with managers at Northampton General Hospital to help them improve the utilisation of their acute beds, helping ease discharge problems that can often lead to bed-blocking and long waits in accident and emergency.

John Strowbridge, managing director, at Avery Healthcare said: "There is a high demand for care in Northampton, this should not mean that our older citizens compromise on the quality of care and services they receive as a result.

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'Haunted' vaults used as horror film location

A filmmaker has teamed up with Northampton's premier paranormal investigators to shoot a horror film in a haunted former hospital this week.

Director Andrew Loveridge, a motion graphics teacher at Northampton College, was granted access to the cellars of The County Club, in George Row, to shoot a psychological thriller involving a murderous

The building acted as the town's infirmary between 1744 and 1793 and its vaults are linked to a series of tunnels.

But to add authenticity to his thriller, the young director enlisted UK Haunted - North $ampton\,ghost\,hunters\,Michael$ York and Alex Duggan - to advise on the project, because $they \, have \, gathered \, evidence \, of \,$ spooky goings-on in the vaults

Mr Loveridge said: "As soon $as we came down \, here \, we \, knew$ the location was right. We all got chills down our spine.



Director Andrew Loveridge, right gives instructions to the cast of a new short film being shot in the vaults of the County Club, George Row

"It's been great to get UK Haunted's advice about their experiences down here. This is a fictional piece, but their experiences are definitely feeding into the final film."

Investigators Mr York, 34, and Mr Duggan, 33, said they had carried out three investigations in the vaults using specialist recording equipment, which some believe to be able to pick up voices from the afterlife.

On one occasion they said they heard from a former RAF pilot named Bertie.

Mr Loveridge hopes to premier the short film, about a servant who gets locked in the cellars with an evil spirit, next



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Lamport Hall restoration celebrated

The 40th anniversary of the establishment of a stately home's preservation trust was celebrated last week.

Lamport Hall was in a state of disrepair when Sir Gyles Isham started restoration work on his ancestral home.

Sir Gyles, an actor who starred in films including Anna Karenina, alongside Greta Garbo, set up the Lamport Hall Preservation Trust in 1974.

The trust took over the running of the hall after Sir Gyles's death two years later. The guest of honour this week was broadcaster and former MP Gyles Brandreth, who was named after Sir Gyles.

Mr Brandreth said: "Since I was born I have been conscious of this man, Gyles Isham, who was famous in the 1920s. He was a famous Oxford figure then became a West End star then he went to Hollywood to make movies.

"After the war he came back here and decided to give up acting and take up politics."

Mr Brandreth's father was in Oxford in the 1920s, when Isham was a star because of his role as president of the Oxford Union and of the Oxford University Dramatic Society, as well as being editor of the university magazine.

"I am also here to salute the achievements of the trust, who have basically transformed this place which was, when I first came here, a bit down at heel. It's been wonderfully restored. It's stupendous. I am blown away.

Mr Brandreth said he has always been fascinated by garden gnomes - and the world's oldest, Lampy, lives at Lam-

George Drye, the trust's executive director, said: "To have finally seen the place - not just the house but the content-restored, all put back into firstclass order, has been amazing, almost surreal. I have been here 30 years. After that period of time you forget what it was like at the beginning. We have to remind ourselves where we have come from. When the trustees took this overinthe 1970s its future was still in jeopardy. Now it should be restored forever for the benefit of the people locally."



SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY: George Drye, executive director Lamport Trust, Libby Brayshaw (nee Isham), Sir Norman Isham, Lady Joan Isham, Willum Butterfield, chairman of Lamport Trust, special guest speaker Gyles Brandreth, and Richard Isham at the 40th anniversary celebrations at Lamport Hall this week and (inset) Gyles Brandreth with the famous Lamport gnome.

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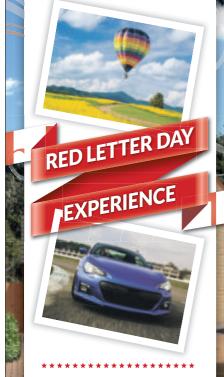
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It's tough at the top for Saints

Mallinder says champions tag will make Euro mission difficult

RUGBY

Jim Mallinder believes Saints' status as Aviva Premiership champions will make life tougher for them in next season's European Rugby Champions Cup.

Mallinder's men discovered their fate on Tuesday afternoon, as they were joined in Pool 5 by Racing Metro, Ospreys and Treviso.

It appears to be a much kinder draw than the one they were handed last year, when Leinster, Castres and Ospreys provided the opposition.

But Mallinder is taking nothing for granted and he believes his team are now there to be shot at following their triumphs in the Premiership and Amlin Challenge Cup last

"We haven't played Racing Metro before, and going to Paris will be an exciting challenge," Mallinder said.

"Racing is an ambitious club and showed in their recent play-offs win away at Toulouse just how dangerous they can be.

"They have a squad packed with quality players and are strengthening even further over the summer.

"While Racing is a new opponent for us we know what to expect from the Ospreys. We had to work extremely hard for our results against them last season and it will be no different in 2014/15.

"Dan Biggar is a top goal kicker and Alun Wyn Jones is an outstanding captain and any side that has that number of internationals deserves to be respected.

'We haven't played Treviso for a few years, and it will be good to go back to Italy. But while that will be a good trip for the supporters we will have to make sure we keep our focus on the job in hand, which is to get a win over a team that beat Munster and ran Leinster and Ulster close on home turfin the PRO12 last season.

'We know that as Aviva Premiership champions other teams are going to raise their game against us."



s Jim Mallinder says Saints' status as Premiership champions will make life tough in the European Rugby Champions Cup 🛛 PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON

Wilder delighted with summer recruitment

CHRISWILDER is 'delighted' with his close-season Cobblers recruitment and says his summer transfer activity has almost reached a con-

Northampton have signed former Chesterfield

FOOTBALL

striker Marc Richards and **Burton Albion centre-back** Zander Diamond, who was on loan a Sixfields last season, on three-vear contracts while also securing extensions to the deals of all the players they have offered terms to, with the exception of youth-team defender Connor Roberts.

Talks are at an advanced stage with a left-back, a right-back and a winger, while the club are also in the market for a right-footed central midfielder and a target-man striker.

Despite there being some work still to do, Wilder is pleased with the squad he has assembled so far as he closes in on several other new additions.

"We're delighted with the work that we've done," he said.

"I speak to other managers and some of them are happy with where they're at and some are having difficulties.

"You can only comment on where you feel you're at, and I'm writing the squad down continuously - I'm really happy with what we've

